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TAGS: PARM PREL PGOV ETTC IT IR LY EXPORT CONTROLS  
SUBJECT: STOPPING ITALIAN FAST BOAT TRANSFERS TO IRAN

REF: A. SECSTATE 230222

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CLASSIFIED BY: ACTING ECONOMIC MINISTER COUNSELOR DAVID MULENEX FOR REASONS 1.5 (B), (C) AND (D)

¶11. (S) ACTING ECMIN AND ECONOFF RAISED REFTEL POINTS AUGUST 8 WITH THE MFA'S MASSIMO LEGGERI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (IN THE ABSENCE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL GIANDOMENICO MAGLIANO, WITH WHOM PM DAS TURK MAGGI DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE ON JULY 22). LEGGERI TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF THE NEW INFORMATION REGARDING FB DESIGN'S RECENT CONTACT WITH IRANIAN ENTITIES, AS WELL AS THE SHIPMENT OF TEN DRIVES FROM THE FIRM ZF TRIMAX TO AN IRANIAN MILITARY PROCUREMENT FIRM. HE PROMISED TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF BOTH COMPANIES AND WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH US (HE DID NOT SAY WHETHER MFA NONPROLIFERATION COORDINATOR UGO DE MOHR HAD OBTAINED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM FB DESIGN SINCE JULY 22 -- DE MOHR IS NOW ON LEAVE).

¶12. (S) A/ECMIN ALSO RAISED OUR CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO ITALY'S PROPOSED SALE OF BOATS AND NIGHT VISION EQUIPMENT TO LIBYA. LEGGERI RESPONDED THAT THE GOI UNDERSTANDS U.S. OBJECTIONS, BUT VIEWS LIBYA MUCH DIFFERENTLY THAN IT DOES IRAN.  
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